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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 February 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-52 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23, 47, 48, 51 and 52 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 24-46, 49 and 50 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

112-second paragraph rejection regarding claims 1-23, and 47-48 have been withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 24-29 and 37-46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Stob ('070).

Regarding claim 24, Stob ('070) discloses a lighting device 11, comprising of a linear light source 26, having a first and second end (figure 4), a translucent region 20 which is diffusive (column 4, lines 16-18), and a means for directing light emitted from linear light source 36 having an axis substantially coincident with the longitudinal axis, the reflective member 36 positioned to direct light emitted from a substantial portion of the linear light source toward the translucent region (column 4, lines 32-66).

Regarding claim 25, the linear light source comprises of a gas discharge lamp 26m (column 3, lines 31-34).

Regarding claim 26, the translucent region 20 comprises a lens (column 3, lines 45-47).

Regarding claim 27, figure 2B shows that lens 20 comprises a concave and convex surface.

Regarding claim 28, figure 2B shows that the top layer of the lens 20 comprise a plurality of prisms.

Regarding claim 29, figure 2A shows that the reflective member 36 is shaped and sized to securely engage the linear light source 26 and the translucent region or lens 20.

Regarding claim 37, figure 4 shows that translucent region 20 is cylindrical shape and a central axis coincident with the longitudinal axis.

Regarding claim 38, column 4, and lines 16-26 teaches that the translucent region emits a substantially collimated beam of light.

Regarding claims 39-40, column 4, lines 51- 66 teaches that the reflective member 36 can have different reflective capabilities.

Regarding claims 41-46, the means for directing light emitted from the linear light source 36 is a sheet of aluminum coupled to a surface (column 4, lines 32-66).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-23, 47-48, and 51 and 52 are allowed.

Claims 30-36 and 49-50 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Nowhere in the prior is found a lighting device having a first section and second section, a translucent, area of the linear light source is located the center of the housing having a conical shaped reflector and the reflector have at least three polygonal sides.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed March 05, 2004 regarding claims 24-46 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Stob shows in figure 5 the translucent region 20, clearly covering a portion of the longitudinal length of the light source, also see column 5, lines 50-68, the term "completely surrounding a portion of the linear light source" as cited in claim 1 is broadly interpreted such that the translucent region is only covering a portion of the linear light source in a circumferential direction. Also the term "completely surrounding a portion of the linear light source" does not teach in which direction the translucent portion is covering the linear light source, it can be interpreted as being lengthwise or circumferential.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not

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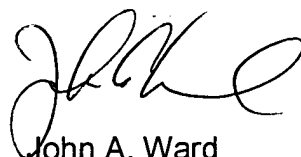
mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John A. Ward whose telephone number is 571-272-2386. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on 571-272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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